

Local Agency Programs Section Federal Eligibility Guidelines

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These guidelines indicate under what circumstances the following items are eligible for participation for projects funded with federal and/or state funds.

1. Sidewalks

- a. Existing sidewalk that is impacted by road is eligible.
- b. Filling in short gaps of existing sidewalk is eligible.
- c. New sidewalk is eligible if the Rural Task force/MPO has determined sidewalk to be eligible in general and there is a demonstrated need.
- d. New sidewalk is eligible if approved in the Category A grant.
- e. Existing sidewalk impacted by critical bridge projects is eligible.
- f. New sidewalk and/or filling gaps on critical bridge projects is ineligible.

2. Bike Paths/Non Motorized Paths

- a. Bike path project is eligible if identified in STIP or is an approved enhancement project.
 - i. One-way path 5 foot minimum width, two way 10 foot minimum width (each needs 2 foot side clearance).
 - ii. Minimum width on non-motorized bridges is path is 14 feet (10 foot path plus 2 feet on each side for clearance).
- b. Paving 4ft minimum shoulder for bike path is eligible.
- c. Path is eligible if tied into overall master plan.

3. Parking (Only parallel parking is allowed within project limits unless a diagonal parking study is performed and approved)

- a. Parallel parking is eligible if the lane is not currently needed for capacity, is built with the same cross section as the other lanes and is removed when traffic warrants.
- b. Diagonal parking is not eligible.

4. Storm Sewer

- a. Eligible to provide drainage of road right of way.
- b. Partial participation because of oversizing may be based on (a) cfs (b) pipe size (c) the difference in cost between in-kind replacement and proposed size.

5. Utility Relocation

- a. Adjustment or relocation of existing public utilities (water main, sanitary sewer, lighting, etc) due to project work is eligible.
- b. Adjustment or relocation of private utilities that are in the utility company's own easement is eligible.
- c. Adjustment or relocation of private utilities within road ROW is ineligible.
- d. Sanitary sewer not eligible due to sewer separation.
- e. New watermain or replacement sanitary sewer is ineligible.
- f. Watermain services or sanitary sewer laterals is ineligible.

6. Landscaping and Beautification

- a. All landscaping should not interfere with sight distances.
- b. Normal sod, seed fertilizer is eligible
- c. Trees, shrubs, etc eligible on basis of replacement. Other than replacement needs task force/MPO approval.
- d. Wetland mitigation landscaping is eligible
- e. Irrigation systems are ineligible even if impacted by project.
- f. Streetscaping items are not eligible unless as part of an enhancement project or approved by task force or MPO.
- g. Streetscaping and Landscaping items are not eligible on safety projects unless for normal site restoration.

7. Lighting

- a. Relocation or adjustment of existing street lights if impacted is eligible.
- b. New lighting system is eligible if approved by task force or MPO and there is demonstrated safety need.
- c. Can use standard type lighting fixture, city standard or ornamental fixture if in an historic area.
- d. For bridge projects, replacement of existing lighting is eligible.

8. Structures

- a. Standard nameplate as described in MDOT Standard Plans is eligible.
- b. Special nameplates are not eligible.
- c. Decorative pedestrian railings are not eligible.